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TO: DIRECTOR [REDACTED]

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REFS: A. DIRECTOR 886065

B. ASCA 51031

1. THERE ARE TWO MAJOR AREAS OF OUR CONCERN REGARDING
THE [REDACTED] SCENARIO THAT SHOULD BE CLARIFIED BEFORE WE
ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY FASTCAST OR AFT II [REDACTED] THESE
INCLUDE THE REDUCTION OF [REDACTED] HOURS OF OPERATION AND THE
[REDACTED] REQUIREMENTS. [REDACTED]

2. ASCA'S REQUEST FOR FASTCAST OR AFT II [REDACTED]
AFTER THE REMOVAL OF ARS WAS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE [REDACTED] FACILITY WOULD
BE REDUCED TO LESS THAN 24 HOURS COVERAGE AS [REDACTED]
PERSONNEL ROTATE AND ARE NOT REPLACED DURING SUMMER 81. HOWEVER,
REF A NOTIFICATION THAT [REDACTED] WILL PROVIDE 24-HOUR COVERAGE
FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED THE GAME
PLAN. ASCA IS NOT NECESSARILY TRYING TO REDUCE THE HOURS
OF OPERATION [REDACTED] BUT WE MUST REMIND HQS THAT [REDACTED]
WATCHSTANDING PERSONNEL WILL BE REDUCED TO 8 WITHIN THE NEAR
FUTURE AND THIS IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT A 24-HOUR OPERATION
FOR A SUBSTAINED PERIOD. AS LONG AS [REDACTED] REMAINS A 24-HOUR
FACILITY, WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 WATCHSTANDERS. WE COULD
POSSIBLY LIVE WITH 9 FOR SHORT PERIODS BUT DEFINITELY CANNOT
MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS AT 8 WATCHSTANDERS UNLESS WE AUTHORIZE
SCHEDULED OVERTIME ON A FREQUENT OR CONTINUOUS BASIS. ANOTHER
FACTOR THAT WEIGHS HEAVILY IN THE [REDACTED] STAFFING IS THAT
[REDACTED] IS AN R&R POST AND EIGHT MONTHS OUT OF EVERY YEAR AT
LEAST ONE WATCHSTANDER IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE. THIS, OF COURSE,

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DOES NOT INCLUDE SICKNESS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES. THEREFORE,
PLEASE ADVISE APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG WE CAN EXPECT [REDACTED]
TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR COVERAGE AND IF MEASURES
HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO REPLACE DEPARTING PERSONNEL IN THE
INTERIM. [REDACTED]

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4. ONE FINAL POINT IS THE REMOVAL OF ARS. AS HQS IS
AWARE, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING FOR THE REMOVAL
OF ARS, STILL TENTATIVELY LOOKING AT AUG/SEP 81 TIME FRAME
FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT. DOES THIS PARALLEL HQS
PLANS AND SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO PLAN ALONG THESE LINES?
IF NOT, THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF ARS WITHOUT BENEFIT
OF AN ONBOARD AUTOSPEC HAS US SOMEWHAT CONCERNED. [REDACTED]

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5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY TO THE ABOVE
QUESTIONS. [REDACTED]

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